

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the discussion below.

Applicant's through their attorney wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone conversations of October 3 and October 5, 2005 during which the amendments present herein were discussed and a proposal was sent by facsimile on October 4, 2005. As a result the proposal was indicated as placing the case in condition for allowance if submitted formally.

Accordingly this amendment provides an amended Claim 26 which is identical to the faxed proposal and claims 20-22 have been cancelled.

The patent office action indicated allowance of Claim 6, 7, 17-19, and 23-25 with Claims 20-22, and 26-30 being rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Kurihara et al (Patent NO. 5,341,642). In response claims 20-22 have been cancelled and Independent claim 26 has been amended to include a limitation from claim 23 which was originally a suggestion from the Examiner to place the case into condition for allowance by way of a conversation on March 4, 2005. Additionally the amended claim 26 was indicated as allowable based on the faxed proposal of October 4, 2005, as discussed above. Dependent claims 27-30 contain all the limitations of independent claim 26 and are thus also allowable.

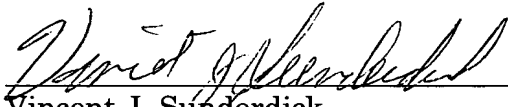
Accordingly applicants request allowance of this application containing  
Claims 6, 7, 17-19 and 23-30.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in  
general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this  
should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as  
a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and  
please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056210.41670C4).

Respectfully submitted,

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